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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCTION AND BOTTLING OF LIQUIDS ENRICHED WITH OXYGEN

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R § 1.56, and pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents that were cited in an International Search Report conducted on International Application No. PCT/EP2004/010407, which is a foreign counterpart to the above-noted U.S. Application:

- (1) US 2002/0139434 A published on October 3, 2002. The International Examiner cited this as an "X" category document with regard to claims 10-12, 14 and 16, of the International Application. The International Examiner noted paragraphs [0038] to paragraph [0068]; figure 5; and the claims as being particularly relevant.
- (2) EP 0 847 959 B1 issued on March 20, 2002. The International Examiner cited this as an "A" category document with regard to claim 10 of the International Application. This document is cited in the Instant Application. Further, Applicants note this document is discussed on page 1, in the second full paragraph.

- (3) EP 0 900 761 A1 issued on November 12, 2003. The International Examiner cited this as an "A" category document with regard to claim 10 International Application.
- (4) WO 02/089611 A1 published on November 14, 2002. The International Examiner cited this as an "A" category document with regard to claim 1 of the International Application.

Also submitted herewith is a copy of the above-noted International Search Report.

Furthermore, Applicants hereby submit the following document that is discussed in the instant application:

- (5) DE 101 04 207 A1 published on October 24, 2002. This document is discussed in paragraph [0002] of the instant application.

Applicants further submit the following document cited during a first office action in a counterpart national phase application in Russia.

- (6) RU 2 181 101 C2 published on April 10, 2002. Applicants cite U.S. Patent No. 6,196,277 and U.S. Patent No. 6,230,763 as U.S. patent family members of the cited Russian document.

Each of the above-cited documents are listed on the enclosed completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

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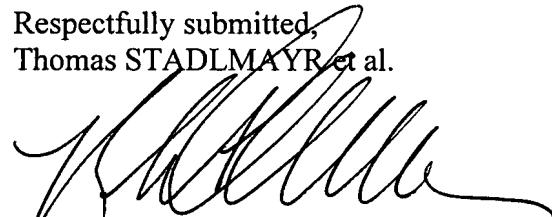
under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the cited/listed U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. Moreover, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants note that while this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed ore than three months from the filing date, Applicants have not received a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (b)(3).

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Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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